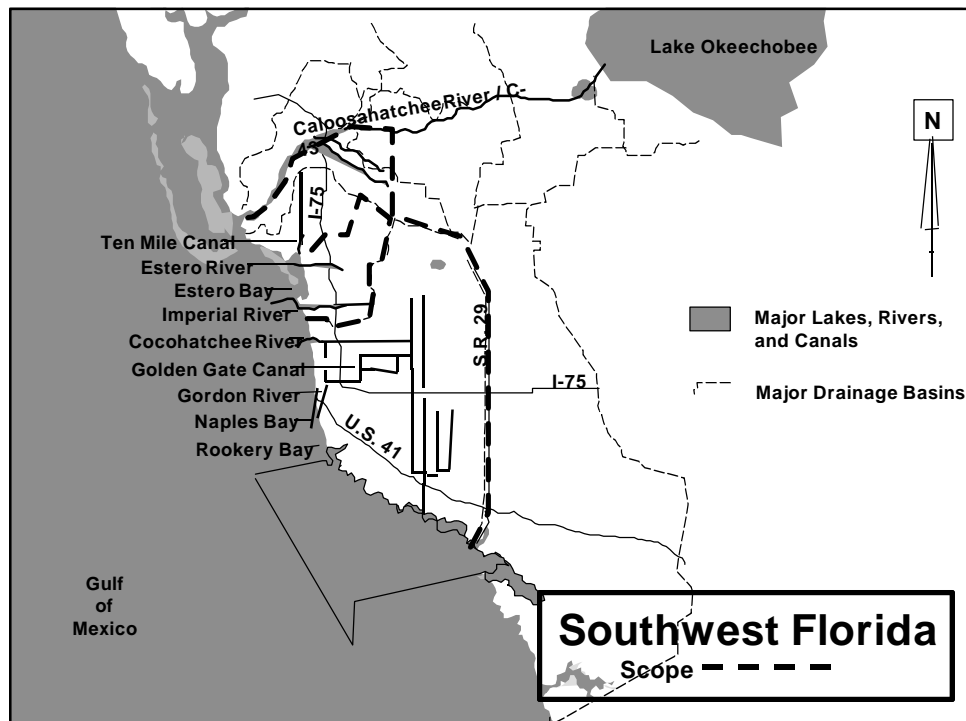


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**Southwest Florida Issues Group
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ADG Charge

Report on alternatives for improving the regulatory processes to:

- Protect Natural Environmental Values
- Provide for Sustainable Economic Growth
- Manage Appropriate Changes in Water Flows and Quality
- Respect Public Involvement and Private Rights

The ADG will collectively develop alternatives, evaluate the merits of each and seek consensus on recommendations.

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Alternatives that Address:

- Changes in pollution loads and the timing and quantity of freshwater flows. Evaluation include the impact on the receiving waterbodies.
- Changes in runoff and capacity for storage of runoff. Evaluations include the potential for flooding impacts.
- Fragmentation or reduction of spatial extent of wildlife habitat. Evaluations include wildlife corridors.

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Alternatives that Address (continued):

- Quantification of appropriate quantity and location of compensatory wetland mitigation. Evaluations include functional assessment procedure, effect of melaleuca infestation, and regional mitigation banking.
- Impacts on wetlands that protect and provide water supply. Evaluations include limits imposed by and impacts on wetlands from water supply drawdowns.

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General Concerns Should Include:

- Impact of implementing an alternative on development of economic diversity in region
- Impact of implementing an alternative on the rights of the property owners
- Impact of implementing an alternative on Federally listed threatened or endangered species.
- Protection of eco-tourism

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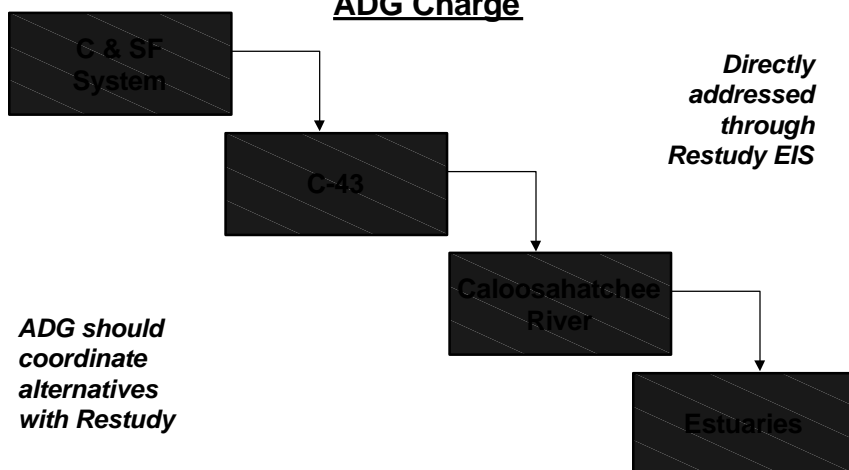
Permit Review Options to Consider:

- Continue permitting decisions using current process (no change)
- Use of regional general permits to streamline certain permit decisions
- Development of permit decision criteria, such as for mitigation ratios
- Adoption of SFWMD basis of Review for ERP application

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Structure

- Support the Corps in Development of EIS
- Range of Interests Involved
- Ten Two-Day Meetings
 - Information Gathering
 - Alternatives Development and Evaluation
 - Report on Results and Recommendations
- SWIG--Public Comments

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Facilitated Process

- Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness of ADG Activities
- Neutral Facilitation Team
- Ghost Writer for the ADG
- Consensus Driven Process--All Opinions Honored



Alternatives Development Group - Timeline 1998

